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CIA Defended

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Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a short while ago I extended my remarks in the RECORD and inserted several articles dealing with the CIA. In that statement I indicated that I strongly supported this organization and felt that they were doing a fine job.

Last Sunday on CBS, Senator SALTONSTALL, a respected Member of the Senate and a member of the Armed Services Committee and as such a member of the subcommittee dealing with CIA activities appeared on the program "Face the Nation." I was pleased with the Senator's remarks dealing with the CIA and was doubly pleased that he too rose to the defense of this organization. Under leave to extend my remarks, I include that portion of Senator SALTONSTALL's remarks concerning the CIA:

Mr. AGRONSKY. Senator, you are a member of the subcommittee of Senator McCARTHY of Minnesota, and he seeks to investigate the influence of the CIA on foreign policy. He feels that it is perhaps too much, and that it is harmful. How do you feel about that?

Senator SALTONSTALL. I am very much against such an investigation, Martin, for this reason. We are the largest and most responsible free nation of the world. We know that there has got to be a certain amount of intelligence in other nations of the world which is necessary for us to know. We know that it is being done on us here in the United States.

Now you cannot have an intelligence agency operated entirely in the public. For what reason if for no other, that we would lose some of our agents. We know that there are a certain number of them that are taken away from us every year, not many we hope, but that operation has got to be under cover.

Now from a congressional point of view, I am on the subcommittee that has handled that ever since its inception. In fact, I was the acting chairman of the conference committee that adopted the Defense Department as a unit. And we can get any information from the CIA under its leaders, Dulles, McCone, and now Rayborn that we want to, and they are completely open. They give us anything we want. But we try to keep it secret. We have no reporter at those hearings or anything else. But we have got to operate it that way. And I would be very much against an open investigation.

Mr. AGRONSKY. But Senator, Senator McCARTHY's concern is a different one. His feeling is that the CIA influences the conduct of foreign policy, and perhaps in a bad way as, for example, there are many indications that a CIA evaluation resulted in the fiasco at the Bay of Pigs. That is what concerns Senator McCARTHY.

Senator SALTONSTALL. Well, I do not agree with that, Martin. The CIA gathers facts, just like the Armed Forces aids in various embassies, just like the State Department, and those facts are all put together in one memorandum, and I think every day it is given to the President and all our top leading officials, and the CIA is the whipping boy of a lot of these questions, because they know it can't answer. And furthermore we want to remember that the Department of Defense cannot carry on subversive warfare as that term is used. That has got to be done by the CIA.